Fellows Lake

Fellows Lake is an 820-acre water supply reservoir owned by City Utilities of Springfield, located approximately 10 miles north of Springfield near Highway 65. It was created in 1955 by impounding a portion of the Little Sac River. Recreational opportunities include fishing, picnicking, sail boating, and waterfowl hunting. A handicap accessible dock is located in the northeast arm of the lake for anglers with disabilities. Privies are located near the handicap accessible dock and near the boat ramp. Activities, excluding fishing and waterfowl hunting, are regulated by City Utilities of Springfield. Fishing and hunting regulations are established and enforced by the Missouri Department of Conservation. Currently there is a 40 hp restriction on boat motors and annual boat permits (\$35) must be obtained from the lake marina before launching any watercraft.

Sport fishing opportunities include largemouth bass, black and white crappie, catfish, walleye, muskie, and white bass. Other species present include bluegill, redear and green sunfish, carp, channel catfish, logperch, and gizzard shad. Length and daily creel limits apply and are posted around the lake.

Fish attractors are structures made of a variety of materials and are placed in ponds and lakes to improve angling opportunities. They provide a place for aquatic insects to attach. The insects attract smaller fish which attract larger fish. They also provide an area for small fish to avoid predation. The attractors in Fellows Lake were constructed from cedar and hardwood trees and placed at a depth of 12 to 20 feet around the lake boundary and are periodically replenished.

Fishing prospects

Largemouth bass fishing should remain good during 2011. Population data indicate that approximately 17% of bass are >15". A 12-15" protected slot length limit helps provide excellent catch and-release fishing.

Muskie fishing should be good in 2011 as sampling data indicate that about 41% of the population is >36" (legal harvest size). Expect best fishing success on overcast, rainy days during the fall or early spring months when water temperature is below 70°F. Fish large spinners, bucktails, or plugs near brush structure or weed beds. Muskie are occasionally caught as anglers fish for largemouth bass. Carefully handling both sub-legal and legal muskie at the water's surface will increase their chances for survival.

Channel catfish remain abundant throughout the lake and commonly run from 12-20". Preferred baits include chicken livers, nightcrawlers, prepared baits, and cutbait.

Walleye and crappie anglers should expect fair fishing success in 2011 Walleye can be caught fishing gravel points in the spring, the backs of coves in the summer using crappie jigs, nightcrawlers, or minnows, and trolling deep-diving crankbaits across main lake points. The minimum length limit for walleye is 15". Both white and black crappie are present with most fish ranging from 8-11". Minnows and tube jigs are the preferred baits for crappie anglers in and around brush piles and vegetation. Spring will provide the best opportunity for catching quality (10-13") fish.

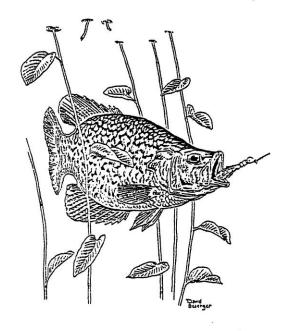
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Fellows Lake Map



Featuring Fish Attractors and Lake Contours

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